

**Eastern Kentucky University Special Initiative**

**Commonwealth Center for Instructional Technology & Learning**

**What is the Commonwealth Center for Instructional Technology and Learning (CCITL)?**

The center, housed at Eastern Kentucky University, will create a Web-based education delivery system that provides a wide range of evidence-based P-12 instructional interventions, curricular and instructional strategies, as well as Web-based advisors to Kentucky's teachers. The goal of CCITL is to provide educators with resources, strategies, and support to meet the academic needs of all students with special emphasis on English as a Second Language, minority, low-income, first-generation, and other students at educational risk.

**Why is a program like this needed?**

Much of the support offered to teachers today is traditional professional development, which usually occurs outside the day-to-day classroom, and is focused on topics that may or may not be of need to an individual teacher. CCITL is problem-based and provides just the type of training a teacher needs, when it is needed, and in a form that can be adapted to the teacher's unique situation.

**How does CCITL work?**

The online center is comprised of four main components: (1) advisors who are experienced instructional technology professionals and available for consultation; (2) a strategy center that contains a database of tools and best practices in content areas correlated to Kentucky's Program of Studies; (3) a library that contains a database of information about online and offline publications related to the evidence-based strategies; and (4) a learning lab that contains a database of online resources related to the integration of instructional technology into the K-12 classroom.

**What is the center's history?**

The program was developed originally in 2002-03 by congressional appropriation and operated as a pilot program in six school districts. This year it is being promoted in 50 "test bed" districts across the Commonwealth. If funded, the CCITL system will be available statewide by 2007-08.

**What is the Council's request?**

The Council seeks \$500,000 of recurring funds in FY 2007-08 to support CCITL and ensure the program's continued development and expansion.



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